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## State of Vermont.

Its News Condensed and Rewritten for Our Readers.

A small tenement house in Rutland was slightly damaged by fire Tuesday morning of last week.

Geo. S. Fisk, local editor of the Burlington Daily News, was last week married to Miss Alice Morgan of that city.

Peter Frasier, the granite manufacturer of Barre, whom we reported last week as being seriously burned, has since died.

At the Johnson village meeting last week, it was voted to put in 750 light dynamos for the electric lights, instead of 500, as previously voted.

It is claimed that more fruit is raised in Shelburne than in any town in the state and that the Holmes orchard of 100 acres in Charlotte is the largest in Vermont.

The Globe Manufacturing company has taken a contract to supply 40,000 pairs of white duck pants for the Australian militia. This will keep a large force of girls busy for three months.

Arthur Robinson of Glen Sutton, Que., aged 50 years, was struck by a train while crossing the railway track at East Richford last week Monday, and received injuries from which he died the next day.

A. T. Alvord, a farmer of Wilmington, died last Wednesday at the age of 74. He has been for several years an agricultural writer and has held a number of town offices. He leaves a wife and five children.

The apple crop of Grand Isle county for 1894 is estimated at from 35,000 to 40,000 barrels, worth at the market price between \$65,000 and \$70,000. This sum would give \$18 per capita to the population.

W. P. Carroll, a Westminster boy now of Cheyenne, N. Y., leaves that place Jan. 8th for an extended trip which may include New England and Vermont. He has been holding court for six years at Cheyenne, but it is not impossible that he may now locate elsewhere for the practice of law.

Shaw university, Raleigh, N. C., has conferred the honorary degree of doctor of divinity upon Rev. Josiah Tyler of St. Johnsbury. Dr. Tyler comes of a distinguished family. His father was for some time president of Dartmouth college. He is himself well known throughout the United States as the author of "Forty Years among the Zulus." He is a returned missionary.

The docket for the general term of the supreme court which convenes at Montpelier, Jan. 8, has made its appearance. The total number of cases is 113, which are divided among the counties as follows: Bennington, 8; Windham, 6; Franklin, 10; Orleans, 6; Rutland, 13; Addison, 4; Lamoille, 5; Caledonia, 15; Windsor, 11; Orange, 3; Chittenden, 8; Washington, 24.

The 20th annual meeting of the Western Vermont Masonic union will take place at Fair Haven on the 9th of January, 1895. The business meeting will be called at 4:30 p. m. Grand march at 9 o'clock and a banquet at the Park View House at 11 o'clock. Special rates on all railroads will be obtained. A special train will leave Fair Haven for Rutland at 3 o'clock a. m.

The calendar of the National Life Insurance company of Montpelier, Vt., for 1895, is a beautiful thing. The picture of the battle of Bennington and the heroic fight of the "Green Mountain boys" on that heroic day, is a happy thought, and Vermonters everywhere will be glad to possess this testimonial, tendered them by a strong and conservative Vermont company, which offers the "best insurance in the world."

The tallest windmill tower is the one just raised for Erastus Baldwin of Wells River. The tower was constructed on the ground to the length of 135 feet and was raised bodily. The upper part of 30 feet will be added, making a total height of 165 feet. This will be the tallest tower ever constructed in the world solely for windmill purposes. It is 30 feet square at the base and is built of Southern pine, on the spike frame plan. The amount of lumber used was 15,000 feet and the tower is estimated to weigh 20 tons. The windmill surmounting it is 30 feet in diameter, is built of wood and is a nominal 18-horse power. The pump is 18-inch stroke, 5 3/4 inch bore, with a capacity of 70,000 gallons per day. The tank has a capacity of 33,000 gallons and gives a pressure of 75 pounds to the square inch, beside supplying his premises with water for domestic use. He has a hydrant put in for fire protection.

Dr. Andrew E. Field of Barre is said to be the oldest practicing physician in northern Vermont, if not in the state. The Boston Globe said of him: "He studied medicine with Dr. Orrin Smith of Berlin, attended lectures at the Dartmouth Medical college and graduated in 1846. He was an officer of the Vermont legislature years ago and was a member of the constitutional convention in 1857. He began the practice of medicine in Orange in 1846, when he married Clarinda Nelson. He remained in Orange four years, when he purchased the practice of N. W. Bailey at Washington, where he had an extensive practice for twenty years. He moved to Barre in 1871 and in connection with the practice of medicine for several years conducted a drug store. He has been superintendent of schools, overseer of the poor, selectman, justice of the peace, one of the first bailiffs of Barre and is a director of the Granite Savings Bank and Trust company of the city, of which his son, C. N. Field, is treasurer."

Mrs. Gray of Bristol, an aged lady, fell recently and broke her hip.

At the present time there are only two prisoners at the Bennington county jail.

Rev. L. K. Averill of Barre was ordained pastor of the church at Topsham last week.

George Downer of Lunenburg had both eyes quite severely injured by the discharge of a rifle a few days ago.

L. G. Woodhouse of New York, son of the late Dr. Charles Woodhouse, of Rutland, sent St. Paul's church and society of that city a check for \$500 as a Christmas gift.

N. W. Fiske's store at Isle La Motte was broken into Wednesday night, the 19th inst., and about \$12 were taken from the safe and some goods from the store.

Mrs. Fournier, who was sentenced to 20 years in state's prison for poisoning her husband, is in a very critical condition and cannot now be removed from Burlington, if at all.

The will of Mrs. Nancy Bliss, widow of Rev. S. F. Bliss, formerly pastor of the Universalist society, bequeaths \$500 to Goddard seminary for the establishment of the Bliss scholarship.

Mrs. Betsey Smith, a native of Waitsfield, now living in Gouverneur, N. Y., celebrated her 101st birthday last Saturday. She has seven children, 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. B. H. Cuthbertson of Greensboro Bend met with a serious accident the other day. She was going from the house to the store when she fell and broke her collar bone. She is an old lady about seventy-five years old.

The Olcott Falls company of Olcott has given the Mary Hitchcock memorial hospital at Hanover \$5,000 to endow the "Olcott Falls company free bed." Wilder & Co. of Devonshire street, Boston, constitute the Olcott Falls company.

The 12th annual meeting of the Ayrshire Breeders' association will be held in the parlors of the Narragansett hotel at Providence, R. I., Jan. 9, 1895. An address will be given by Prof. J. L. Hills, director of the Vermont Experiment station.

Col. Edward A. Chittenden, general freight agent of the Central Vermont railroad, entertained the past and present employees of his department and their families at a dinner at the Welden, Monday evening of last week. There were 25 persons present.

Three boarders in charge of Sheriff Reeves of Burlington arrived at the state institution on State street, Monday, increasing the number of inmates to 149, the largest for twenty years. The sheriff reported four more prisoners in Burlington jail, including two women convicted of poisoning, with state prison sentences.—Windsor Journal.

Little Henry McKuen of Swanton fell with a tree which another boy was cutting down Wednesday of last week, and the result was a compound fracture of the arm just above the wrist, one bone protruding several inches with the flesh all peeled off from it and the end of the bone so jammed that a part of it had to be removed.

Louis Dajenais of St. Albans was robbed of \$35 on Christmas day. He accompanied a friend to the Welden barber shop and waited for him in the billiard room, occupying his time as a spectator of the games. Shortly after he left, he missed his money and found that his trousers pocket had been slit by a knife, by means of which the thief had evidently accomplished his purpose.

Daniel W. Green, boss filler in Patterson's mill at Proctor, met with a severe accident on Thursday of last week. He was assisting in moving a block to a place under the frame to be sawed, when one of the rollers slipped out from under the block and caught a crowbar, which bent over in such a way as to strike Green's foot near the ankle, almost breaking the bone. The injury is a severe one but he is expected to recover in a few weeks.

H. M. Stevens' store on the corner of Main and Kingman streets, St. Albans, was burned Christmas morning. The fire originated in a closet in the dental rooms of Dr. Shearer on the second floor and had gained considerable headway when the first stream was applied. It was soon under control but not till after considerable damage was done to Dr. Shearer's furniture and the large stock of groceries in the store beneath, occupied by H. M. Stevens & Co. The losses are as follows: H. M. Stevens & Co., about \$1,200; Dr. Shearer, about \$300, and Chandler's photograph rooms in the third story, about \$100. All are covered by insurance.

Brattleboro's building record for 1894 is only a fractional part of that of 1893, when forty new houses were erected in addition to other buildings, representing a total expenditure of over \$200,000. In 1893, there were single items of large amount, like the electric light plant, the interior finish of the Vermont National bank and Gen. Estey's residence. This year the record is a good one, considering the general condition of business, and twenty or more new houses show that the village is making a steady growth. It is noticeable that a good number of the buildings are on the outskirts of the village. At the present time work is being pushed on two important buildings—the Farmers & Mechanics' Exchange block, which will cost \$30,000, and the new factory which Holden & Martin are putting up for occupation by the Hooker, Corser & Mitchell Overall company and C. H. Eddy & Co.—Phoenix.

H. F. Boyes of St. Johnsbury made maple sugar December 14th.

Charles R. Moore of Newport has been awarded a patent for a gauge cock.

The Vermont Bee Keepers hold their annual meeting at Middlebury, Jan. 30 and 31.

Editor Arthur Ropes of the Montpelier Watchman has been obliged to go back to the Burlington hospital for another course of medical treatment.

At the banquet of the society of Colonial Wars in Washington, Gen. Wm. G. Veazey of Vermont, interstate commerce commissioner, was one of the invited guests.

It is reported that G. E. Towne of Brandon has leased the Addison House at Middlebury and the Mountain Spring Hotel at Lake Dunmore for the season of 1895.

Rev. P. S. Pratt of Dorset is the longest settled pastor in the Congregational ministry of Vermont. In January, he will complete 45 years of service with that church.

Samuel A. Lamb of Greenfield, Mass., and a native of Guilford, has resigned his office as savings bank commissioner of Massachusetts and will devote himself to his law practice.

Two barrels of secondhand clothing were recently sent by the ladies of Zion church of Manchester to the drouth sufferers in Nebraska in response to the appeal of Bishop Graves.

Rev. Samuel Jackson, D. D., of Kingston, Ont., has accepted the call of the Congregational society of Barre to become a permanent pastor and will move his family to that city in May.

The second annual exhibition of the Vermont Poultry and Pet Stock association will be held in the St. Johnsbury town hall Jan. 16, 17 and 18. Entries for competition close Jan. 13th.

John Miller of Dummerston found what appeared to be a meteoric stone at the bottom of a muck bed last fall. It is about the size of a four-quart measure. Some portions look like dried plaster and others like nut candy.

Part of the roof in the old Central Vermont round house at St. Albans went down under the immense amount of snow upon the roof. Fortunately, but one of the three locomotives which were underneath was injured.

The annual midwinter meeting of the Nebraska Association of the Sons of Vermont, celebrating the one hundred and eighteenth anniversary of the declaration of independence by the state, will be held at Hotel Lincoln, Lincoln, at 8 p. m., January 18th, 1895.

Parker & Thrall's store in West Rutland was broken into Monday night of last week and about \$25 in silver was taken from the safe, which was unlocked. The thieves entered through the back window. Nothing else in the store was molested.

Dr. L. T. Page, assistant physician at the Brattleboro Retreat, has bought the practice of Dr. A. W. Rice of Wilmington and will take possession Jan. 1st. Dr. Page is a graduate of the medical department of the University of Vermont and has been at the Retreat about two years.

A cigarette factory is in operation in Bellows Falls. It is conducted by a Syrian, and the better class of the community are much opposed to the enterprise. At Saxton's River, one of the academy students has been suffering intensely from the excessive use of cigarettes.

Seventeen car loads of machinery for the new cotton mill at Burlington are on the siding near the mill building and will be put in place within the next few days. The big Corliss engine started up Friday. The construction of the cotton shed and office building has been begun.

The South Congregational church of Middlebury, Conn., has called to its pastorate Rev. F. W. Greene of West Andover. Mr. Greene is a native of Brattleboro and is a son of the late Admiral Greene. He was graduated from Amherst college in the class of 1882. He had preached at West Andover for the past nine years.

The value of the output of the mineral industries of the state for 1893 was \$3,251,646. The capital invested was \$7,513,264. The number of men employed was 5,627, who were paid \$2,049,009 in wages. It is believed that the production of minerals in 1894 will exceed in amount and value that of any previous year. Marble, granite and slate furnish the bulk of these kindreds.

A. E. Kendrick of West Randolph, who is on the road for the Willard Manufacturing company of St. Albans, reports business as picking up in a lively fashion. That concern has purchased the Richford factory and will set 100 girls to making overalls, etc., there; and has also established a similar factory at Springfield, Mass. Orders are plenty and business is booming.—St. Johnsbury Republican.

The Burlington Commercial Travelers' association held its annual meeting at the Van Ness House, Burlington, Friday evening. These officers were elected: President, F. M. Gould; vice president, O. C. Taylor; secretary, A. N. Johns; treasurer, W. F. Ferguson; auditor, F. P. Keeler; executive committee, C. B. Allen, G. P. Martin, E. H. Martin, J. H. Holton, J. S. Wright, Capt. S. S. Leach, U. S. A., acted as toastmaster at the banquet. Remarks were made by Gov. Woodbury, Hon. E. B. Taft, Lieut. Caldwell, Rev. Dr. Hawes, J. H. Holton, J. L. O'Connor of Ogdensburg, L. J. Page of Boston, E. E. Knott and Gen. T. S. Peck.

The Stanstead, P. Q., Journal is 50 years old. During all these years it has been published by the present proprietor, L. R. Robinson, a native of Morristown, Lamoille county.

The first case before the new municipal court at St. Albans was heard last Friday, it being an action in a breach of covenant between Frank Coburn, plaintiff, and Dennis Sortwell, respondent.

The girls who work in the shirt factory at Center Rutland village have established a small boycott on the new electric railroad, because the road will not give them a free transfer as the horse cars did. The girls walk now and have signed a paper not to ride on the electric cars.

Charles Ellis of Roxbury was arrested in Burlington last week by Deputy United States Marshal Kelley, for selling liquor without a government license. He was arraigned before United States Commissioner Geo. Johnson and was bound over to appear before the grand jury of the circuit court.

The hide house at Hyde Park, belonging to Mr. Page, was discovered to be on fire early Monday morning of last week. The fire caught from a kettle of tar and pitch which was being used to make a waterproof floor, boiling over on the stove on which it was setting. The damage is light. Two "bucket brigades" soon extinguished the flames.

It is estimated that in the great fire at Burlington, Christmas Eve, J. R. Booth lost 4,800,000 feet of lumber. Newspaper print could be read in the light from the fire as far away as Essex Junction, but an authentic report from Colchester, about a mile beyond the center and fully ten miles from Burlington, states that a newspaper was read there at midnight with the aid of no other light than that from the fire. About 400 men were thrown out of employment temporarily, but in a few days are expected to be at work again.

James C. Wilson, a well-dressed, gentlemanly appearing stranger, 56 years of age, short, stout and with gray hair and full gray beard, was arrested at Portland, Me., Monday, charged with attempting the larceny of a watch in a jewelry store, and was held as a professional thief. Wilson's left arm is crippled. The respondent told a long story to the court. He said that he was born in Montpelier, had resided in Montreal and Toronto and had also spent several years in London. He was engaged in the horse business in Buffalo at one time. His business of late years had been that of a speculator in horses.

### Franks of an Insane Woman.

Quite a little excitement was caused on South Main street, Montpelier, early Friday morning, when Miss Carrie Chaplain jumped out of a second-story window in French's block to the ground. She rooms with her sister in the third story of the same block and is subject to sudden fits of temporary insanity. She ran down one flight of stairs and into the office of D. D. Haley, who, having heard her screams, had gone out for a policeman and left the door open. She then raised a window and jumped, landing on the fire alarm wires. This rung in an alarm and called out part of the fire department. The effect of her fall being somewhat lessened by her landing in a bank of snow and being but slightly injured, she ran down through the street to the store of H. A. Bowman, where she was arrested and taken back home.

### A Test Railroad Case.

S. B. Foster of Chicago and G. G. Foster of Montreal, attorneys of the Chicago & Grand Trunk and Thomas A. Flynn, claim agent of the same road, have been in St. Albans taking depositions in the cases of Mr. and Mrs. William Zeno of Chicago, who have sued the above road for being put off the train at that place while en route to Boston, riding on a special limited ticket issued at the time of the G. A. R. national encampment at Boston in 1890. The case will attract attention all over the country, as it is in the nature of a test case.

### A Rare Vermont Book.

Rev. W. C. Somerville of Coaticook, Que., formerly a pastor of the Congregational church in Newport and of the church in Coventry seven years, presented to the Orleans County Historical society the Biographical Memoirs of the illustrious Gen. George Washington. It was published in Brattleboro in 1814, by William Fessenden. It contains 287 pages and has a leather binding. It is hard to find a Vermont book 80 years old in such fine condition.

### A Vermont Centenarian.

Mrs. Abigail Stebbins, who lives with a son on a hill farm in the town of Johnson, was born in Charlotte, Jan. 25th, 1794. She still retains her memory and has some interesting reminiscences to tell of the early days of Burlington. She says that in 1800 there was but one public house, a jail and a whipping post in Burlington. When she was six years old, she was in the city and saw a person whipped at the whipping post for giving a false alarm of Indians. Mrs. Stebbins is the grandmother of George Stebbins, the doorkeeper of the House of Representatives at the last session of the legislature.

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